

Loans (EIDLs) at the Small Business Administration and the Emergency Loans at the Department of Agriculture so that small businesses and farms that suffer direct economic injury by, or are likely to suffer direct economic injury by, significant increases in the prices of heating oil, propane, kerosene, natural gas, or electricity are eligible to apply for those loans.

The United States economy should not be held hostage to foreign oil interests. I urge my colleagues to join me in support of our small businesses and farms.

RECOGNIZING ARSENIO P. "SAM" SANCHEZ FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF CLEARLAKE, CA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Arsenio P. "Sam" Sanchez for his outstanding service on the City Council of Clearlake, California. His outstanding leadership and commitment has significantly benefited the people of Clearlake and he will be sorely missed upon his retirement.

Mr. Sanchez has dedicated 18 years and 10 months of his life to serving on the City Council. He has achieved the status of the longest tenured council member in the city's history. In 1984 he was first elected and served until 1990 and because of his efforts on behalf of the community he was again elected in 1992 and served until 2004. During this time he has served as Mayor for three terms and also as Vice Mayor for three terms.

Mr. Sanchez's expertise is matched only by his dedication to improving his community and his tremendous work ethic. He has served as a longstanding member on the Lake County Coordinated Resource Management Committee and on the Area Planning Council (APC). He has shown his devotion as a longstanding member of the Lake Transit Authority Board of directors. In appreciation for all of his contributions over the years, a new transit building in Lower Lake will be named after him. The building will be known officially as "The Lamkin-Sanchez Transit Operations Center."

While serving our community for numerous years on the City Council, Arsenio has also served in Army Intelligence. He committed over 25 years of his life to Army Intelligence before retiring.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, because of the many contributions he has made to the city of Clearlake, it is proper for us to honor Arsenio P. "Sam" Sanchez as he retires from the City Council and extend our very best wishes to him in his retirement.

HONORING FRANK JOHNSON ON HIS EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to an

outstanding member of the community of Naugatuck, Connecticut, Franklin Johnson. Frank recently celebrated his eightieth birthday and it is for that milestone that I stand today to extend to him my sincere congratulations.

It is not often that you find an individual who dedicates a lifetime of professional and volunteer service to his community. It is individuals such as these that make a real difference in the lives of others. Throughout his lifetime, Frank has been just this kind of citizen. Born and raised in the Borough of Naugatuck, he has always demonstrated a unique dedication to public service—especially to our veterans and young people.

After graduating from high school, Frank enlisted in the Army serving his nation in the D-Day invasion, the liberation of Paris, and the Battle of the Bulge. His dedication to the men and women of America's armed services have never wavered. For over fifty years, Frank has ensured that their dedication—especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice—is remembered and honored with a ceremony which is held at Naugatuck High School the Friday before Memorial Day. Frank has also served as the Post Commander of American Legion Post 17 and, for the last sixteen years, as the Chairman of the Naugatuck Veterans Council, has been responsible for the organization and production of the Naugatuck Memorial Day Parade. Through all of his outstanding work, Frank has ensured that the service and courage of our veterans as well as that of the brave men and women who currently serve in our nation's armed forces, is remembered with the respect and dignity they so richly deserve.

I have often spoke of our nation's need for talented, creative individuals willing to help our children learn and grow. In the course of his thirty-eight year career at Naugatuck High School as a teacher, guidance counselor, and administrator, Frank was just that kind of educator. His professional life was dedicated to helping our young people access and obtain the tools and skills they would need as they pursued their own dreams.

This year, as he celebrates his eightieth birthday, Frank can reflect on his lifetime of invaluable contributions with pride. We are fortunate indeed to have such a dedicated individual whose generosity and compassion has touched the lives of so many. I am proud to stand today to join his wife, Jeanne, his children, grandchildren, family, friends, and the Naugatuck community in wishing Franklin Johnson the very best as he celebrates his eightieth year. He has left an indelible mark on this community and a legacy which is sure to inspire others for generations to come. Frank Johnson is a true community treasure. HAPPY BIRTHDAY FRANK!

CONGRATULATING PAUL GOLIAS ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to my good friend Paul L. Golias, who is retiring at the end of this month from the Citizens' Voice newspaper in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Paul and I have a long history together, going back to my life well before I ran for Congress. As a young attorney, I was involved in many public issues which Paul covered as a young reporter. I learned to trust him to be fair and accurate when I represented a minority bloc of authority members who filed suit to cancel a corrupt sewage treatment plant contract.

Paul has journalism in his blood. He loves the chase of a good story and sees journalists as watchdogs, holding the government accountable for its actions. His colleagues have nothing but praise for his integrity and ethics.

He spent his entire life in the newspaper business, starting as a mailroom employee for the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company when he was a high school student in 1959. Paul "paid his dues" in the business, first working as a copyboy and librarian before moving up the ranks to reporter.

Paul got his first reporting job with the Wilkes-Barre Record in 1965. Three years later, he went over to The Times Leader/The Evening News.

Paul came to the Citizens' Voice and became night city editor in 1979. He helped the newspaper in its quick transition to publishing seven days a week. In 1982, he was named managing editor, a position he held for 22 years. This past year, Paul left that position to be a columnist. Thousands of readers, including myself, have enjoyed his wit and insight.

Throughout his career, Paul worked on a number of stories that had a tremendous impact on Northeastern Pennsylvania. In 1972, Paul covered the flooding that Tropical Storm Agnes caused, leaving more than 20,000 people homeless and causing \$1 billion in damage. More than 20 years later, Paul used this experience to lead the coverage of the flood of January 1996, noting the importance of levees along the Susquehanna River to protect the Wyoming Valley.

Paul wrote a series on the decline of the garment industry in our region that won an award from the Associated Press. In his first year as managing editor, he led his staff's coverage of the mass murder of 13 people in 1982.

Because of his lifelong commitment to the community, Paul always recognized the significance of events which casual observers often missed. During the debate over redistricting in late 2001, he understood that dividing Luzerne County into three Congressional districts would have been devastating to the region. Paul ran daily stories with accompanying maps to highlight the folly of the initial plan. Public outcry stopped the redistricting plan. The district which I represent today exists in large part because of the Citizens' Voice reporting, which Paul directed.

As a citizen, Paul felt that being active in the community was important. He served on the boards of the former Welfare Planning Council, Catholic Youth Center, Valley Santa and the advisory board for of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council, Boy Scouts of America.

In addition to serving on the advisory board, Paul also served as both a cubmaster and scoutmaster for 10 years. He coached a seniors' softball and a teenagers' baseball team.

Paul fulfilled his civic duty as a member of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard. For six years, he served in the First Battalion, 109th Field Artillery, attaining the rank of staff sergeant.